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TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

Citizen Input Vital to Shaping Town's Future: Public Meeting Scheduled for April 14

Herndon, VA (March 30, 2007) – The Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon has begun the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan that will significantly impact land use, housing, transportation and the environment for the Town over the next quarter century, and citizen input is vital to the planning process, according to commissioners.

Issues to be discussed at the next public meeting, scheduled for **Saturday, April 14 at 10 am in the Council Chambers at 765 Lynn Street**, include goals and objectives for land use and housing throughout the Town: should residential areas be preserved as currently defined? Should some areas be redeveloped? Should the Town encourage the development of more affordable housing? Additional meetings will be held in May, June and July; following these meetings, a draft plan will be produced by September 2006 for Planning Commission consideration. A final draft plan for presentation at public hearings is slated for completion by December 2007.

“Drafting of the comprehensive plan for the Town represents a critical opportunity for citizens to directly impact Herndon’s short- and long-term future development,” said Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. “The Planning Commission relies on public input to formulate their

recommendations to the Town Council. All citizens are encouraged to come out and make their voices heard.”

Information on the Comprehensive Plan process is available on the Town’s website, www.herndon-va.gov, on the “What’s New” page. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and a Background Report for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan are posted in “Town Services” – click on the Community Development page and scroll to Comprehensive Planning Related Links.

To provide comments or for more information, contact Dana Heiberg or Michelle O’Hare at 703/787-7380 or via email at CompPlan@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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